

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 316

By Rogers

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Police Officer James Gammons of the Hendersonville Police Department.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal concerns to ensure the public's safety and welfare, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty in service of public safety; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through public service, dedicating their time and efforts to aiding those in emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, one such estimable person was Police Officer James Gammons of the Hendersonville Police Department, who passed away in the line of duty on July 13, 1974; and

WHEREAS, each year, numerous law enforcement officers give their lives in the line of service while keeping their respective communities safe; and

WHEREAS, this ultimate sacrifice should not go unnoted nor unremembered, for in giving their lives in the line of duty these valiant officers are perpetuating and preserving the very ideals that make American democracy a beacon of light around the world; and

WHEREAS, Officer Gammons suffered a fatal heart attack during the foot pursuit of a suspect; and

WHEREAS, he was a courageous public servant and his memory will be cherished by his family and all those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, the good people of Hendersonville understand the importance of keeping alive the memory and accomplishments of these dedicated professionals, and each year the Hendersonville Police Department hosts a Police Memorial Service to honor these fallen officers and the communities they have so proudly served; and

WHEREAS, Officer Gammons was wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized for his courage and gallantry as an esteemed member of the local law enforcement; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Police Officer James Gammons, reflecting fondly upon his impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Mr. Gammons.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.